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## Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks News Release

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### **Completion of Search and Rescue Operation for Missing Hiker in Kings Canyon National Park**

The search and rescue operation for overdue hiker, John Williams, at Kings Canyon National Park has been resolved. John Williams hiked out on his own, in good health, and with enough food to complete his journey on Saturday evening, October 1, in Bishop, CA. He originally planned to return by September 23.

The incident management team at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks expressed its appreciation to the many partners who assisted with the search and rescue operations. Partners included the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Inyo County Sheriff's Office, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, Kern County Sheriff's Office (China Lake Rescue Unit), San Mateo County Sheriff's Office (Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit), Inyo National Forest, and the California Rescue Dog Association.

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